

R E M A R K S

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to reflect the revisions to Fig. 9 (see concurrently filed Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheet), claims 17-27 have been canceled without prejudice, and claim 28 has been amended to overcome the examiner's formality rejection. Since it is asserted that this Amendment suffices to place this application in an immediately allowable state, entry is requested.

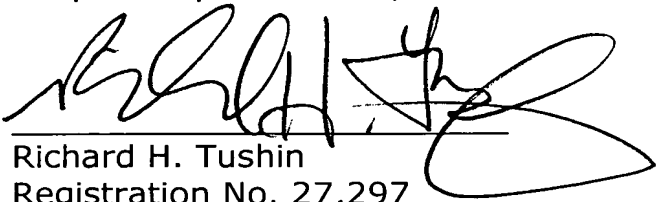
The examiner has rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baba. This rejection must be withdrawn. Baba does not disclose or teach selecting a predefined line of a pontic model in order to select a desired region, as claimed in applicants' claim 28.

Allowance of claim 28 is requested.

The applicants will file line drawings of Figs. 1-8 in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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